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 LR 44, 45, 58

CLERK: Mr. President, if I...the next amendment I have to this component of the committee amendments is by Senator Beutler. Senator, the first amendment I have from you is AM0909.

SPEAKER BROMM: Before we go to that, Mr. Clerk, I propose to sign and do sign, while the Legislature is in session and capable of transacting business, LR 44, LR 45, and LR 58. Senator Beutler to open on your amendment.

CLERK: And Senator, did I...

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker,...

CLERK: ...understand correctly you wanted to withdraw AM0909 and have as a substitute AM0915? (Legislative Journal page 974.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: That's right, Mr. Clerk.

SPEAKER BROMM: Are there any objections? Seeing none, it is so ordered.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I mentioned yesterday in debate, just opening the topic, the fact that it seemed to me that the records of the Department of Revenue, like the records of all other state agencies, ought to be subject to performance audits; that part of our function as a Legislature is to not only make the laws, but to see that the laws are properly carried out in accordance with the statutes that we pass. And to that end, what we used to call the Program Evaluation Committee but, with the passage of LB 607, we will call the Performance Audit Committee, and I'm going to refer to it as the Performance Audit Committee, the Legislature has a Performance Audit Committee. And its job is to do all of those different kinds of audits that fall under that broad category of performance audit. And one of the things, for example, that falls under that category would be the examination of the records of various departments to determine whether they are applying the law in accordance with the statute, in accordance with the way the representatives of the people, you and I, passed the statutes. Now, with respect to this particular